

We are happy to have you here!

We are glad you chose to come to Rutland United Methodist Church to worship this morning. Please join us after the service for a time of fellowship.

The Lectionary is a group of four verses that Christians all over the world read each week. Here are this week's Lectionary readings: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 ~ Matthew 21:1-11 ~ Isaiah 50:4-9a ~ Psalm 31:9-16 ~ Philippians 2:9-11 ~ Matthew 26:14-27:66

► **There will be no Sunday School on Easter.** ◀

Mark your calendar for Holy Week Services:

- Maundy Thursday – 6 pm – soup dinner; communion and devotional at RUMC
- Good Friday – 7 pm - service at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
- Easter Sunday – 11:15 am – worship at RUMC

Donations made payable to Rutland Neighbors are greatly appreciated and can be put in the collection plate. Volunteers are always welcome at the day shelter.

Tithes and offerings on March 15 and March 22: **1,622.**

Bible Study. Bible Study on Wednesdays at 7 pm via Zoom. Contact the office or Pastor Tom for the Zoom link.

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RUTLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Festive Fanfare

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lenten travelers, the journey to the cross begins with a procession into Jerusalem, Crowds line the path and shout "Hosanna! Save us!" as Jesus rides in, not on a mighty war horse, but on the back of a donkey.

All: We come to call on Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!

Leader: The city murmurs, wondering who this person is who demonstrates power through humility, strength without tyranny.

All: We come to witness Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!

Leader: Lenten travelers, will you come on the journey to Jerusalem, following a Messiah who saves us to live after the pattern of the kin-dom of God, not the kingdoms of this world?

All: We come to follow Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves!

SPECIAL MUSIC *Palm Sunday Processional* Joy Choir and Children

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Merciful God, as we enter Holy week, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Stir up within us the gift of faith that we may not only praise him with our lips, but may follow him in the way of the cross. Amen.

HYMN *All Glory, Laud, and Honor (1-4)* UMH 280

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:28-40

SERMON

The Heart Cannot Be Stilled

HYMN

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna,
The Little Children Sang*

UMH 278

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Humble Savior, you ride into our lives not with force, but with invitation—calling us to follow, to risk, and to trust. As we bring these gifts, we confess we don't always understand where the road leads. But like those who laid down cloaks and waved palms, we offer what we have with hope in our hearts and praise on our lips. Use these offerings to proclaim your kingdom—where love confronts fear, and peace dares to speak in the shadow of power. Save us, Lord. Use us. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Blessed Be Your Name

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

Please Enter My Heart Hosanna

TFWS 2154

BENEDICTION

O How He Loves You and Me

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Music Director: **Ann Reed**
Joy Choir Accompanist: **Karen James**
Sunday School Coordinator: **Judy Blair**
Videographer: **Carol Wright**
Ushers: **Craig Cota, Carl Wener,
Paul Dunbar, Diane Sharrow**